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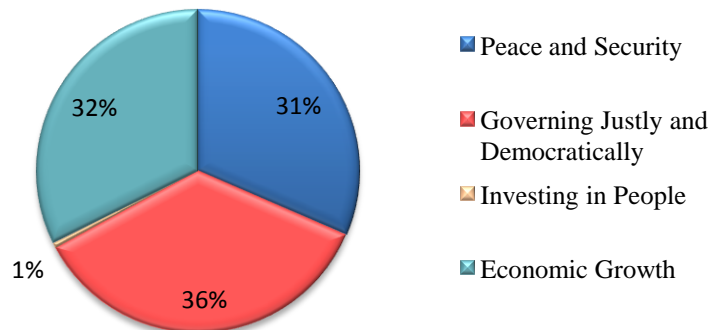
The United States' overarching foreign assistance goal in Macedonia is to support its Euro-Atlantic aspirations by assisting in building and sustaining a stable, multiethnic, and democratic Macedonia that is fully integrated in Euro-Atlantic structures and contributes to the stability of the western Balkans. Sector-specific foreign assistance goals include: strengthening Macedonian law enforcement and military forces; addressing corruption and improving the checks and balances in democratic processes; improving the performance and independence of the judiciary; building the capacity of civil society organizations and independent media to contribute to public policy-making and debate and improving the environment in which these organizations operate; and, increasing business growth, investment, and exports.

Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Macedonia:

Macedonia is Fully Integrated into Euro-Atlantic Institutions

- The United States is providing technical assistance to help Macedonia's courts to operate in a transparent, effective, accountable and independent manner, and to meet the need of the citizens for timely and fair adjudication of their legal disputes; build the capacity of local civil society organizations to monitor, advocate, and represent citizens' interests in the democratic process, including judicial reform; create an improved enabling environment for journalists to report freely and objectively; and increase Parliament's capacity to conduct oversight and exercise its right to draft legislation with active citizen participation.
- Through training and other technical assistance, the United States is assisting the Government of Macedonia to improve the ability of judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys to perform their duties in an independent, professional and legally consistent manner; implement criminal procedure and law reforms; and incorporate international fair trial and human rights standards into the judicial system.

FY 2012 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective*



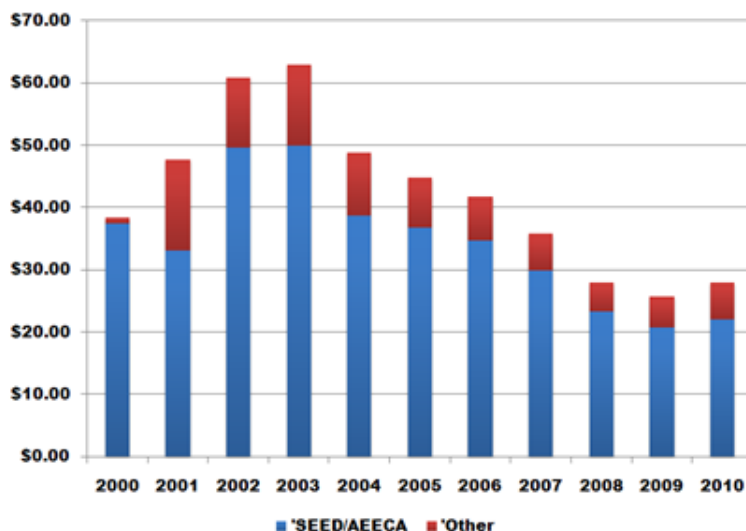
BY ACCOUNT	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	19,457	16,968	12,612
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	14,273	0	0
Economic Support Fund	0	10,187	5,636
Foreign Military Financing	3,600	3,418	3,600
International Military Education and Training	1,064	1,000	1,100
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	1,893	1,786
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	520	470	490

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...Euro-Atlantic Institutions, cont.

- With a view to promoting economic growth and reform, the United States is improving the private sector's productivity by building skills and assisting agribusinesses to adopt global standards and advanced technologies. The United States also provides technical assistance to reduce burdensome regulations and ensure that regulatory rules and enforcement meet EU standards, all with a view to increasing the attractiveness of Macedonia's economy to foreign investment. In the energy sector, the United States is providing technical expertise to increase Macedonia's understanding of methods of improving energy efficiency in the public sector and to advance reforms and capacity needed to lower emissions in Macedonia.
- Interventions in the education, youth and media sectors are pivotal to helping Macedonia manage its continuing interethnic tensions. In the education sphere, the United States promotes understanding between ethnic groups and integration at the institutional level by providing awareness-building, diversity training, and technical assistance to communities, educators and administrators, in order to mitigate increasing school segregation and tensions. And the United States is providing skills training to increase workforce competitiveness among youth. The United States supports media training to enhance understanding of the crucial role of media in building social cohesion in a multi-ethnic state.

FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance (in millions)



BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	19,457	16,968	12,612
Peace and Security	6,124	5,621	6,153
Governing Justly and Democratically	6,943	7,194	6,459
Investing in People	100	100	0
Economic Growth	6,290	4,053	0

Macedonia Actively Engaged in Meeting Local, Regional, and Global Challenges and Working to Consolidate Peace and Security

- The United States is providing equipment to Macedonian defense forces to increase their interoperability with NATO and other international coalition forces. This assistance includes building an Improvised Explosive Devices jamming capability for deployed units; building a medium infantry battalion capable of conducting combat and peace support missions in NATO operations abroad; building a NATO compatible logistics system across the entire Army of the Republic of Macedonia capable of conducting logistics operations effectively and efficiently; and, building a rotary wing capability for transport/utility helicopters able to operate in all modes of flight in a deployed location. The United States is also providing training for Macedonian officers in niche capabilities to enhance Macedonian contributions to coalition operations.
- The U.S. government is funding activities to help Macedonia reduce its vulnerability to terrorism and improve its capacity to control and interdict WMD components, including training courses combined with surveillance, inspection and detection equipment that will enhance Macedonia's capacity to interdict illicit trafficking in WMD related materials and dual-use items.
- The United States is providing technical assistance to develop the capacity of the police to combat both domestic and transnational crime through reforms of the criminal justice system and decentralization of police authority to local levels. Planned activities include training and equipment for police agencies in fighting organized crime and corruption and assistance to the Ministry of Interior in developing an effective, merit-based personnel system for police.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[U.S. Embassy Website](http://www.usembassy.gov) www.foreignassistance.gov

*This fact sheet does not reflect Peace Corps funding or centrally managed or regional Foreign Operations funding that is not specifically budgeted for Macedonia.